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**Via Electronic Filing and Overnight Mail**

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of  
Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Annual Certification for Alteva of Warwick LLC,  
f/k/a the Warwick Valley Telephone Company d/b/a WVT Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On July 26, 2016, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. §§ 151 et seq., and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Alteva of Warwick LLC, formerly known as the Warwick Valley Telephone Company, doing business as WVT Communications ("Alteva"), filed a verified petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") under Docket No. TO01090575, requesting that the Board file a certification with the Federal

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Communications Commission ("FCC") and with the Administrator of the Universal Service Fund of the FCC (the "USF Administrator"), that Alteva's use of Universal Service Support ("USS") funds under the high-cost support program, now known as the Connect America Fund, has been, is, and will be consistent with the purposes for which such funds may be used according to federal law.

On July 27, 2016, Alteva supplemented the petition filed on July 26, 2016 with a copy of its FCC Form 481. On August 10, 2016, Alteva sent an affidavit of newspaper publications to Staff with the Board ("Staff"). The Universal Service certification requested by Alteva must be filed by the Board with both the FCC and USF Administrator by October 1, 2016 in order for Alteva to receive its full allocation of funds under the requirements imposed by the FCC.

The FCC's rule at 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) requires that, in order for Alteva to receive federal high-cost USS funds, the state must file an annual certification with the FCC and the USF Administrator that all federal high-cost support provided to Alteva within New Jersey will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Consistent with prior petitions filed with the Board regarding the use of USS funds, Alteva of Warwick has filed the following information:

- A- Cost Support Response Form and supporting schedules of Alteva of Warwick prepared as of July 21, 2016, including schedules for 2016 pro forma and 2017 projected funds.
- B- Affidavit of Virginia O'Hanlon, Manager, Regulatory and Tax Compliance, of Alteva of Warwick, certifying that funds received by Alteva of Warwick in the preceding calendar years (2015 and 2016), and those funds which will be received in the coming year (2017), have been and will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required pursuant to section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 et seq.
- C- A copy of the proof of newspaper publications of this filing, submitted on August 10, 2016.
- D- An annual report filing of FCC Form 481, Carrier Annual Reporting, in support of Alteva of Warwick's certification requirements for 2016 as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, submitted on July 27, 2016.

Staff having reviewed the petition and the information submitted in support thereof and given that no one has objected to Alteva of Warwick's continued use of federal USS funds, hereby certifies that all USS funds received by Alteva in the preceding calendar years (2015 and 2016) have been and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, and that Alteva will use USS funds it receives for the coming calendar year (2017) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required by section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 et seq.

Because state certification is now required on an annual basis, and in order to ensure continued use of USS funds in a manner consistent with federal law, Staff requests Alteva continue to

follow Board directives to submit to the Board, no later than July 1st and January 1st of each year, a report, in a manner and format to be determined by Staff, providing auditable information sufficient to determine Alteva's compliance with the FCC's required uses of USS funds.

Staff therefore files this Letter of Approval and Certification with both the Office of the Secretary of the FCC and the USF Administrator to serve as compliance with the certification requirements as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Should you have any questions regarding this certification, please contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawanda R. Gilbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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